

House Resolution No. 434

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

Whereas, Rebekah Bouas of Ferguson, Missouri, is a seventeen-year-old senior at McCluer High School in Florissant and one of six top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist Award in 2003; and

Whereas, selected on the basis of her leadership and puppeteering work with "Heaven's Handful", Rebekah Bouas will receive an engraved bronze medallion in honor of her status as a state Distinguished Finalist who spreads the word of the Christian Gospel in free performances to hospitalized children, senior citizens, and other members of the community; and

Whereas, now in its eighth year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

Whereas, Rebekah Bouas was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award by McCluer High School as one of 24,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Rebekah Bouas as a Missouri Distinguished Finalist by the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Rebekah Bouas of McCluer High School in Florissant, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Matt Muckler
District No. 70

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 434, adopted February 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker